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Dear

As you may or may not know I have been down here for the last nine or ten months trying to put together for General Smith an organization to do economic research. I was reluctant to become involved in a Government job again, especially since I am quite clear that my principal career should be a University one. I was persuaded, however, to take a leave of absence from M.I.T. on the ground that there was a particularly urgent job to be done in this Agency on which might depend in some measure our success in the international conflict in which we are now engaged.

I am writing in the hope that you might be subject to a similar kind of persuasion. There are two or three jobs here for each of which you are better qualified than anyone else I can think of. I would like to have a chance to talk about them with you.

I think you would find work here subject to a good deal smaller degree of frustration than is common in Government agencies. I am sure we could work out financial arrangements which would be satisfactory to you. Also we could undoubtedly fix things up with [REDACTED] so that you would lose nothing there by serving with us for a time. STATINTL

Would you drop me a line indicating whether there is any chance that your arm might be twistable. If you think there is, I would like to have you come down for a day or two at our expense to discuss the possibilities. I hope you will be sufficiently interested to go this far at least.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Max F. Millikan